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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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ROME FOR FODAG, GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

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SUBJECT: BANANAS: VOLUME, PRICES AND TAXES

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JOSE A-56; (D) BOGOTA 4044; (E) PANAMA 1893; (F) PANAMA 2257; (G) GUATEMALA 2268; (H) MANAGUA 1456; (I) MANAGUA 1456; (J) QUITO 2580; (K) TEGUCIGALPA 1951; (L) TEGUCIGALPA 1951.

1. THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES PUBLISHED U.S. BUREAU OF CENSUS FIGURES ON U.S. BANANA IMPORTS IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS, BY COUNTRY THUS FAR IN 1974:

COUNTRY	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH
MEXICO	300	3,330	204
GUATEMALA	29,273	43,632	46,344
HONDURAS	158,099	159,828	234,324
NICARAGUA	19,683	9,831	13,119
COSTA RICA	64,894	33,267	35,144
PANAMA	31,550	13,758	15,386
COLOMBIA	16,205	7,670	14,063
ECUADOR	83,113	80,655	99,836
OTHERS	122	2,381	4,161
TOTAL	403,239	354,352	462,581

APRIL FIGURES WILL BE FURNISHED WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. BLS GIVES U.S. IMPORTER SELLING PRICES IN DOLLARS PER 40 LB. BOX AS (TAKEN ON TUESDAY OF WEEK IN WHICH 15TH OF MONTH FALLS): JANUARY, 3.07; FEBRUARY, 2.94; MARCH, 2.60; APRIL, 2.89. MAY IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER. WE SUGGEST GOH MIGHT DIRECT QUESTIONS ON COMPANY VOLUME AND PRICE DATA TO LOCAL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES. FYI STATESIDE OFFICES OF U.S. COMPANIES INDICATE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PRICE DATA CONFIDENTIAL. END FYI

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (40 LB. BOX) ON THE NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS (AS COMPILED BY USDA):

DATE	NEW YORK	SAN FRANCISCO
JAN. 2	4.00 - 4.40	4.20 - 4.40
JAN. 15	4.25 - 4.60	4.60 - 4.80

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FEB. 1	4.25 - 4.50	5.00 - 5.30
FEB. 15	4.00 - 4.50	3.50 - 3.60
MAR. 1	3.75 - 4.40	3.60 - 3.90
MAR. 15	3.75 - 4.50	3.70 - 3.90
APR. 1	3.50 - 4.00	2.80 - 3.00
APR. 15	4.50 - 5.00	4.50 - 4.70
MAY 1	4.25 - 4.60	4.60 - 5.25
MAY 10	5.50 - 6.00	4.40 - 5.00

4. REFS. A - J INDICATE WHICH COUNTRIES ARE IMPLEMENTING THE TAX SCHEME AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS. REF. G INDICATES GUATEMALA HAS TAKEN NO ACTION AS YET. NO COUNTRY TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS YET MADE AN ACTUAL COLLECTION OF THE TAX. PANAMA WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE FIRST TO COLLECT THE TAX ON JUNE 11, 1974 (60 DAYS SINCE IMPOSITION). RUSH

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